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Coming

CHRISTMAS—Sure you knew it. You also know there will be gifts coming—and gifts going. Let those gifts be practical ones; not the pleasure of a day but of many days. Think over these suggestions:

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of quality. Our range is exceptionally full this year. New Persians just in, all prices

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Every Suit

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EARLY AND BUY
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Stock

APPRECIATION

We wish to express to our readers and customers our appreciation of their patronage this past year, and in making them that old, old Wish of

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR"

assure them that our best efforts will be extended to retain their goodwill through the year to come

WEST GOES STRONG FOR UNION GOVT.

Empress District Gives Good Majorities for Sifton

RESULTS OF DISTRICT POLLS

	U	L	S	
EMPRESS, Poll 89	120	35	1	86 U. maj.
SOCIAL PLAINS, Poll 88	44	2	6	38 "
STEEERFORD, Poll 87	11	3	1	8 "
BLACK CHERRY, Poll 130	16	13	1	3 "
RANGE 2, Poll 140	15	9	1	6 "
VANDYNE, Poll 141	31	12	6	10 "
GLEVENNAH, Poll 138				(no returns received)
ACADIA VALLEY, Poll 137				
TP. 26, RGE. 3, Poll 136				

Constituency: Medicine Hat, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Unionist Candidate, elected by over 2,000 majority.

Lieut. C. B. Reilly, Laurier-Liberal, George Eaton, Socialist, defeated candidates.

Constituency of Kindersley—DR. MYERS, U. Can., has 4,000 maj.

SUMMARY DOMINION RETURNS

	Union	Opposition	In doubt	Deferred
Ontario	72	10	—	—
Quebec	3	62	—	—
Nova Scotia	5	9	—	2
New Brunswick	7	4	—	—
British Columbia	12	—	1	—
Manitoba	13	1	—	1
Prince Edward Island	0	4	—	—
Saskatchewan	16	—	—	—
Alberta	10	—	2	—
Yukon	—	—	—	1
Total	138	90	3	4

It is thought probable that the Soldiers' Vote may raise the majority for the Union Government to 72 seats.



From D. W. Griffith's Colossal \$2,000,000 Spectacle "Intolerance" to be shown at the Grand Theatre, Empress, Friday, Dec. 21st

TO "MEL" BLODGETT

It is but fitting that with this issue publicly should be given to a few words of praise for 'Mel' Blodgett, who left town on Tuesday for Fulton, N.Y., with his wife and family. "Mel," since being with us has proved himself a most worthy citizen. For the progress and good of the town he has worked with tireless energy. He has been into everything and anything that would help the town. Oblivious to the snubbings of the shirker, he was always on the job to go the rounds with petition or sub. sheet. We think that Empress is deeply indebted to this public-spirited man, and we hope that the coming summer will see him again resident among us. Failing his return here, we would wish him and his family every success wherever they may make their future home.

Brown's Christmas Mixed Candy. Thirty cents a pound.

ENGLISH CHURCH

The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist was administered to the following: Paul Holger and Ellen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hans Gwendoline Alice, child of Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn, of Cavendish, and Irene Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Sutherland.

CHRISTMAS

So Christmas time comes round again,

With all the same old wishes; For something new we hunt in vain

In Christmas cards and wishes But never mind, the old will do; Love will not stop to reason. God bless the day, and God bless you, And all the happy season!

The Man Who Sticks (For the New Year)

For the man who sticks has the sense to see, He can make himself what he wants to be, If he'll off with his coat and pitch right in— Why, the man who sticks can't help but win.

To celebrate the return of the Union Government, a dance was held in the theatre on Tuesday night.

Experience may be the best teacher, but getting arrested is no way to study law.

A dance was held in the theatre on Wednesday night, in honor of the marriage of Mr. Robert Hamilton and Miss Violet Russaw.

Woman (talking over telephone)—"Send up a bale of hay." Feed merchant—"Who's it for?"

Woman—"Now, don't get fresh. It's for the horse."

LOST

\$5 Reward for information leading to recovery of three black spring calves and one red spring calf. Strayed from 25, 26, 1—W. Y. Gore, Nathalia, Alta.

Empress Grill SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MENU

RELISHES

Queen Olives Colory

SOUP

Consomme a la Royal

FISH

Broiled Fresh Halibut, Sauce Hollandaise

ENTREES

Roast Spring Turkey, Stuffed, Cranberry Sauce

Roast Suckling Pig, Baked Apple

Broiled Beef Tenderloin a la Stanley

Stuffed Baked Potatoes

Christmas Plum Pudding

Assorted Nuts

The management and staff of the Empress Grill wish You, 'A MERRY CHRISTMAS'

Final Appeal Judge Gives Ruling on Exemption of Farmers

Mr. Justice Duff (the Final Court of Appeal) Declares it is Essential that there shall be No Diminution in Agricultural Production.

(Quotations by authority of Director of Public Information, Ottawa.)

Hon. Mr. Justice Duff gave judgment on December 6th, in the first test case brought before him, as Central Appeal Judge (the final court of appeal), for the exemption of a farmer. The appeal was made by W. H. Rowntree in respect of his son, W. J. Rowntree, from the decision of Local Tribunal, Ontario, No. 421, which refused a claim for exemption. The son was stated to be an experienced farm hand, who had been working on the farm continuously for the past seven years, and ever since leaving school. He lives and works with his father, who owns a farm of 150 acres near Weston, Ontario. With the exception of a younger brother, he is the only male help of the father on the farm. The father is a man of advanced years.

In granting the man exemption "until he ceases to be employed in agricultural labor," Mr. Justice Duff said:

"The Military Service Act does not deal with the subject of the exemption of persons engaged in the agricultural industry; and the question which it is my duty to decide is whether the applicant being and having been, as above mentioned, habitually and effectively engaged in agriculture and in labor essential to the carrying on of agricultural production, ought to be exempted under the provisions of the Military Service Act.

"These two propositions are indisputable:

"(1) In order that the military power of the allies may be adequately sustained, it is essential that in this country and under the present conditions, there should be no diminution in agricultural production.

"(2) The supply of competent labor available for the purpose of agricultural production is not abundant, but actually is deficient.

"The proper conclusion appears to be that the applicant, a competent person, who had been habitually and effectively engaged in labor essential to such production, ought not to be withdrawn from it.

"It is perhaps unnecessary to say that such exemptions are not granted as concessions on account of personal hardship, still less as a favor to a class. The sole ground of them is that the national interest is the better served by keeping these men at home. The supreme necessity (upon the existence of which, as its preamble shows, this policy of the Military Service Act is founded) that leads the State to take men by compulsion and put them in the fighting line requires that men shall be kept at home who are engaged in work essential to enable the State to maintain the full efficiency of the combatant forces, and whose places cannot be taken by others not within the class called out."

Ottawa, Dec. 8, 1917.

LOANS FOR LIVESTOCK

THE UNION BANK OF CANADA is prepared to make loans to good farmers on reasonable terms, to purchase cattle for feeding or breeding purposes. It is in the best interests of farmers to increase their herds. Consult the Local Manager for particulars.

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TOTAL ASSETS \$135,000,000.00

The Pioneer Bank of Western Canada
Empress Branch - W. M. CROSBIE, Manager

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THURSDAY, DEC. 20th 1917

UNITED CHURCH

Rev. G. G. Pybus, B.A., Pastor

Services, Sunday, December 22, in the Grand Theatre. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class, 2:30 p.m. Regular preaching service, 7:30 p.m., Christmas subject. Mid-week prayer, Wednesday evening, December 26th. You are cordially invited to these services.

All Phonographs in one—at Dawdy's.

Wedding Bells

On Wednesday afternoon, at five o'clock, the marriage of Mr. Robert Hamilton and Miss Violet Rusaw was solemnized at the Rusaw home by the Rev. G. G. Pybus in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Their many Empress friends extend to them most hearty congratulations.

For sale at Brown's—De Eyrell's Cascade (internal bath).

Excitement among the people gathered in the hotel rotunda waxed high as the news of the big unionist victory came over the wires, a series of mock burials concluded the lesson F. Sparrow acted as chaplain.

Diamond rings—\$40.00, \$50.00, \$60.00. Extra special values at Dawdy's.

LOST—A Great War Veterans Association Badge, has been lost in Empress, No. 3402. Finder please return to the Empress Express at the badge is no good to anyone but the owner.

FOUL SALE—The undersigned has for sale four Oxen in good condition. Apply R. MONYMAN, Section 25, range 4, Savadish, Alberta.

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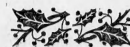
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See Our Stock

Before purchasing your Christmas gift

We have everything that is dainty and pretty for you to give

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Christmas

And a Prosperous New Year

W. R. BRODIE

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in your mouth, cakes that are as light and fluffy as the food of the gods, biscuits that are flaky and rich, bread that is really the stuff of life. Such is the reputation which we have earned by scientific baking. Send us an order and let us prove it.

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Evelyn Nesbit and Her Son Russell Thaw in "Redemption"

Evelyn Nesbit would have won international fame as a motion picture star of the highest rank had her name been wholly unknown to the public previous to her portrayal of the leading character in "Redemption."

This young woman of ten thousand sorrows shows herself to be the possessor of unusual histrionic ability. Charming natural in her lighter moments she is strong and sure in the emotional scenes. Her depiction of mother love is one of the most exquisitely touching things ever witnessed on stage or screen. In the poignant scene where she tells her son, grown to man's estate, of the cruel circumstances, which, when she was a young and trusting girl, made her the plaything of a libertine, she appeals with irresistible and tear-compelling effect.

There is an extraordinary fascination about Miss Nesbit. That indefinable something which transcends beauty and genius and is often called personality is hers in full measure. She has one of those rare and charming natures that win an instant response of complete sympathy from all who come within their spell. Her transparent sweetness of character, which the screen reveals as nothing else ever did, will add greatly to her personal attractions and mental gifts in making her one of the greatest favorites of the world-wide picture loving public.

"Redemption" is announced for appearance here, at the Grand Theatre, to-morrow week, Friday, Dec. 28th. General admission 50c., children under 12, 25c.

Brown's famous "Come Back" perfume. The best ever.

His Identification Ticket

The friends of a Scotsman who was dying called to see him, and asked to have one glass of whiskey with them all before he died.

"Na, na," he said, "I wouldna like to get to heaven smelling of whiskey."

"Ah, but, Sandy," said the friends, "if ye dinna smell of whiskey they will no recognise ya."—London Tit Bits.

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Miserize Hooverize—don't Radicalize; Optimize—don't Possessize. Buy—Magazine's often; Buy theatre tickets moderately. Go to War Movies frequently; Let the Wheels turn; but always remember the grim Business that is in the World today. Let all Classes Work and make Money; then We can feed our Allies and our Soldiers, and Buy Liberty Bonds.

Now we are coming to the point:

We Can Bust
The Kaiser
Wide Open
with this
T O R
P E
D O
!

Brown's drug store is the place you buy your ticket for "Intolerance," and the best place in town to buy your Christmas presents.

Music Studio Now Open

The Music Studio is now open at Dawdy's music store. Miss D. Fernley, who has charge of this studio, comes highly recommended, both as a pianoforte and vocal instructor. A number of pupils have already enrolled, and commenced their studies. Parents who desire to give their children a musical education should take advantage of this splendid opportunity. Arrangements can be made with Miss Fernley, at the music studio, at Dawdy's music store.

VICTORY LOAN

Total subscriptions for Division H.

Bassano	\$102,500
Brooks	50,800
Empress	63,100
Jenner	18,850

\$241,250

Slaughter sale of Christmas Toys and Gifts at Brown's Drug Store. Everything will be sold at your price.

LIVE HOGS

I will buy live hogs at the Empress Stock Yards on

JANUARY 2nd and 3rd, 1918

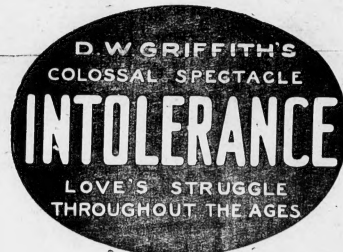
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15,000 HORSES

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FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY

FRIDAY, DEC. 21st

Seats on Sale one Week in Advance

Prices: Adults \$1.00

Children 25c.

Local and Personal

Friday, next, December 21st, is the shortest day of the year.

If rumor tells the truth, then some of the Christmas "raspberry tonics" will need doctoring with anti-freeze if they are to be left outside the house.

Owing to the fact that Christmas Day, December 25, falls on Tuesday, the "Express" will be published on Friday, December 28, instead of Thursday, the usual publishing day.

The local storemen have good display stocks of Christmas cheer. They have recognized the need for economy, and are showing goods which are perhaps not as luxurious as might be yet breathe the atmosphere of Christmas.

Remember the Christmas Tree and programme by the Union Sunday School to-night. A good programme has been prepared. An admission fee of 25c will be charged for adults. All children free.

Rumor says that friend Dave has succumbed to the excitement of the election results and has been ordered a diet of milk.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Blodgett and family, left for Fulton, N. Y., on Tuesday. Whether they would return to Empress or not, next spring Mr. Blodgett could not give a definite answer.

R. M. Henderson stands first among the second group of competitors on the Dominion of Canada honors list, of the Canada Life Assurance Company. Ruben says all the live wire don't have to come from Indian Head.

The Great War Veterans are holding a big dance here on Monday, December 31. The proceeds will be put aside for a sinking fund, to be used by a local branch of the association which is now in process of formation.

Remember the Good Luck Dance for the boys who are expecting soon to leave here for military training. Wednesday, December 26, is the date. There will be no charge for admission. This is your invitation to spend another good evening with the boys.



From D. W. Griffith's Colossal \$2,000,000 Spectacle "Intolerance" to be shown at the Grand Theatre, Empress, Friday, Dec. 21st

Great Attraction
At Grand Theatre

Once again D. W. Griffith proves himself the ruling genius of the motion picture world, is the unanimous verdict of dramatic critics wherever "Intolerance" has been shown. Even the glory of "The Birth of a Nation" is dimmed by the splendor of this magnificent pageant of the ages.

The screen has afforded us many remarkable scenes of war in the past year or two. But this battle of ancient times made new motion picture history. It is the intolerance of the ages—social, religious and otherwise—that Mr. Griffith strives to show in this colossal screen production.

The thread of a modern story is interwoven with the Babylonian scenes, the life of the Nazarene in Judea, and "The Massacre of St. Bartholomew," as a French instance of intolerance. The symbol of this world tale is a rocking cradle. Both in the scope of his idea and its pictorial realization Mr. Griffith has achieved a new triumph.

A vivid example of acting is seen in the work of Mae Marsh as the poor little working girl who bravely fights her way through a hard life. With equal spirit Constance Talmadge kicks people in the shin as the mountain girl who adores Balthazar. For that matter the acting generally is worthy of a production that easily wins a laurel wreath for Mr. Griffith. "Intolerance" is nothing less than wonderful.

Get your Christmas guests for dessert some of that delicious velvet ice cream. Sold at Bury's Fruit Store. Put up in sanitary pails.

Notice To Advertisers

Copy for changes of advertisement brought into this office after noon on Mondays of each week will POSITIVELY not be taken notice of until the following week, unless other arrangements happen to be made with the publishers.

From Christmas To Christmas

WHAT a feeling of satisfaction it gives you to know that your Christmas Gift this year will still be prized next Christmas, and for many years to come—money on non-useful gifts during war time.

We Have a Useful War-Time Gift For Everybody

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Bracelet Watches

Chains

Maple Leaf Pins

Souvenir Pins

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Silver

and

China

Table-

ware

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Dressing and

Manicure Goods

Both in cases

and separate

articles.

Pipes

Tobacco Pouches

Leather Dressing

Bags

Hand Bags

Slippers

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Card Cases

Glove Boxes

Handkerchief Boxes

Music Rolls, etc.

Baby Rings, Brace-

lets, Mugs, Pins,

Spoons, etc.

Every

Batta-

lion



That has left Canada since the war broke out has gone swinging to the sound of music across the Atlantic—on through England—up the torn roads of France. Even to the crest of Vimy Ridge their feet go swinging with music playing them on.

The battle line of this war is not confined to the Western or Eastern front. It passes through every home and every farm that is working in the great cause. And in all these places music is a national necessity.

It lightens the lot of the soldier in the trenches. It brightens the hours for those who are working and waiting at home. And it lays its healing hand on those who have suffered loss.

You Should Have More Music—Good Music—in Your Home

The NEW EDISON

STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT

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NEW SCALE WILLIAMS ENNIS & CO.

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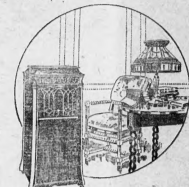
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Easy Terms

CHRISTMAS NEXT YEAR

and on Christmas Day, amid the jolly distribution of presents, now and again the happy family pause to enjoy last year's present, the Edison Diamond Disc Phenograph, which all the year has made Christmas every day.



All models shown carried in stock, as well as many others. You will want to get yours now as prices advance January 1st.

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RUSSELL THAW

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With Relentless Truth

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DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO SEE SUCH A FINE PHOTO-PLAY



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Children under 12 - 25cts.

GRAND THEATRE, EMPRESS
Friday, December 28th

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How Lloyd's Bet On the Election

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A rumor found publication a few days ago, that Lloyd's were quoting two to one on Laurier winning the Dominion elections.

At the instance of a well-known grain broker, a cable was sent by Messrs. Allan, Kilham & McKay, Ltd., the Winnipeg agents of Lloyd's:

"Quote odds on Laurier, Canada election."

The following reply was received by cable from London:

"Laurier impossible. Lloyd's."

International stock food and preparations always on hand at Brown's drug store.

Hell and Gasoline

A Gull Lake man named Sylvester Hell, recently was sentenced to thirty days hard labor for stealing a quantity of gasoline.

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Soldiers' Photographs Required

The officer, in charge Canadian War Records has asked us to make known that it is desired to compile a complete history in photograph of the Canadians' share in the War, in the same way that all other belligerent countries are compiling similar records.

It is particularly desired to obtain photographs of all officers, N.C.O.'s and men who have served and are now serving in the Overseas Military Forces of Canada, and it is requested that an appeal should be made to this end through these columns.

All officers and other ranks serving overseas may find it difficult to send in their photographs and their relatives are therefore especially appealed to, to send in their photographs for them.

By preference the photographs should be unmounted and printed on bromide paper in order to ensure permanence. Each photograph should be accompanied by a concise record, not exceeding two hundred words, of the subject's military career, including date of enlistment, promotions, distinctions and so on, as this will greatly assist in obtaining a full and accurate record of all concerned.

In addition it is desired to collect all photographs dealing with the mobilisation, training and departure of troops together with pictures illustrating Reviews, Presentations, etc. Any photograph of this nature is regarded as a document of historical importance, and it is hoped that the possessors of all such photographs will deem it their duty to send either the originals or copies, which will ultimately be placed in the permanent Public Archives of the Dominion.

All photographs, which will be acknowledged, should be addressed to

The Officer in Charge

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Local and Personal

Christmas Day next Tuesday.
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King, left for Seattle, U.S., on Tuesday.

The local branch of the I.O.D.E. have voted \$100 towards the Halifax Relief Fund.

F. W. Flett, of Calgary, arrived in town on Monday for the purpose of adjusting the heating plant of the school.

All of the Empress grain elevators will close Monday night, December 24th until Tuesday of the following week, January 2, 1918.

W. J. Boswell, left on Wednesday on a trip to Rochester, Minn. He is making a short stay at Lumsden, Sask., on the outward trip.

P. B. Ostrom, who recently returned from a business trip to Calgary, is busy boosting for a large plant for the manufacture of electricity for light purposes in our town. The scheme he offers appears to be a good, sound one, and it is to be hoped that the matter will be either taken care of by a private company or the town fathers.

D. McKachera thought he had something on D. McArthur in the building moving line. He tried his Ford on the job late Tuesday night. To push the building along the frozen roadway was Mac's idea. "Henry" is game for most things, but he evidently bucked at this job for the building was still there next morning.

Dugal Maxwell left for Alask. Sask., early Tuesday.

Messrs. J. G. and A. J. Herman, left on a winter's visit to Blue Springs, Missouri, on Tuesday.

All members of the I.O.D.E. are asked to be present at the next meeting on Jan. 2. The nominations of officers for the new year will be received. The meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Belfie. A good turn out is expected.

There will be no meeting of the knitting circle this week, and next Tuesday being Christmas day there will be no I.O.D.E. meeting. The ladies are put on their honor, that they do two hours of sewing or other work for the boys at the front.

Dalbert Leach met with a nasty accident on Monday. While riding on a hayrack at the M. G. Boyd farm, is driving the team around a corner, a big wind came up and capsized the rack. The boy was thrown to the ground and rendered partly unconscious. He was badly bruised and cut about the face.

In the moving of the Empress Cafe to a new location, one of the stringers which supported the floor broke and the flooring collapsed. Repairs have now been made and the building is being put on its new location on Centre Street, west of the Dairy Lunch. Slog Lee who has acquired the building proposes to open it as a new restaurant.

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